

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Makoto OGISO, Mitsuru SAITOH and Isao MATSUMOTO

Application No.: New U.S. Patent Application

Filed: November 27, 2000

Docket No.: 107239

For: INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE HAVING A VARIABLE VALVE TRAIN

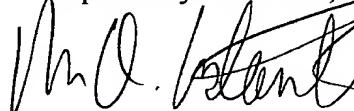
JC928 U.S. PTO
09/721949
11/27/00INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENTDirector of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the reference listed on the attached PTO-1449. Unless otherwise indicated herein, one copy of each reference is attached. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the reference be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

- ☒ 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (a) within three months of the U.S. filing date, OR (b) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the present application. No certification or fee is required.
- ☒ 2. Relevance of the non-English language reference is discussed in the present specification.
- ☒ 3. English-language Abstract of the non-English language reference is attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Oliff
Registration No. 27,075Mario A. Costantino
Registration No. 33,565

JAO:MAC/mgs

Date: November 27, 2000

OLIFF & BERRIDGE, PLC
P.O. Box 19928
Alexandria, Virginia 22320
Telephone: (703) 836-6400

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT USE
AUTHORIZATION
Please grant any extension
necessary for entry;
Charge any fee due to our
Deposit Account No. 15-0461